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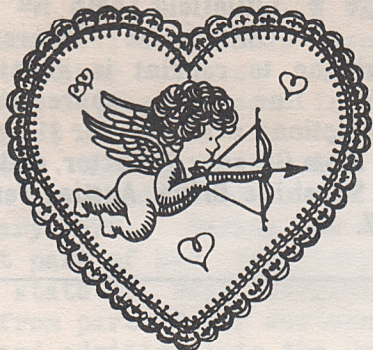
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## MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
11 February 1988  
time: 6:15 p.m. Mess Call  
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

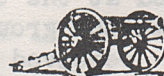
Happy Valentines! We will continue our tradition of honoring the lovely ladies of our camp during our February Valentines Meeting. Cdr. Leist will present each lady with a token of our affection. A special cake will be shared by all.

The program this month will be presented by David Morris. He will speak on "Artillery Projectiles of the War of Northern Aggression". Come one, come all; everyone is invited and welcomed at SCV meetings. By the way, the Adjutant is still accepting 1988 dues!



## 1988 ROSTERS IN SECOND PRINTING

Due to errors inadvertently made in the 1988 Camp Roster, a new Revised Roster has been published. If you did not receive yours by hand, it is enclosed with this issue of the Letters. Please DISCARD the first roster sent you and replace it with the new one. We humbly apologize for the errors which were made in the first printing. We hope this one is correct.



## IRONY OF WAR

The war was touched of by an artillery duel between Confederates ashore at Charleston, S.C., and the Federal garrison at Ft. Sumter in the harbor. Commander of the fort was Maj. Robert Anderson, whose father-in-law was a Governor of Georgia. Anderson had been so adept as an artillery pupil at West Point that his instructor had broken tradition to keep him as his assistant. The Confederate commander who directed the firing on Sumter was the instructor himself, Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard.



# A FEATHER IN OUR CAP

The Confederacy is alive in Austin! Well over 100 helped celebrate in three different locations.

The festivities began at the Chapel at Camp Mabry at 1:30 p.m. Cdr. Rodney Leist led the pledge to the Texas Flag. Greg Hector brought greetings from the SCV and led the assembly in the hymn "Amazing Grace." Our Chaplain, LG Thomas Bishop, gave a most remarkable talk on the beautiful chapel windows and their symbolism. Uniformed SCV'ers served as honor guard and posted the colors.

At 3:00 p.m. everyone assembled at George Littlefield's gravesite in Oakwood Cemetery to place a marker on his grave honoring his service to the Confederacy during the WBTS. Joining us there were members of the 7th Texas Infantry and members of the Littlefield family. After the marker was unveiled, Dr. David Gracy responded on behalf of the family. Mrs. Donald R. Perkey, President General of the UDC laid a wreath on behalf of the Daughters. Joe Walker and the Infantry joined the Battery in firing a salute. News personnel covering the event came from all three television stations and the Daily Texan.

We reassembled at the Confederate Museum on the Capitol grounds where DAVID O. MORRIS received a Cross of Military Service for his service in the Army during the Viet Nam War. Greg Hector led "God Bless America" and "Dixie". The Battery fired their traditional salute on the south lawn of the capitol. A reception was held hosted by the UDC.

Many comments were heard boasting this was the "best ever". Gen. S. Lee, sir, we are true to your charge!



Military Order  
of the  
Stars & Bars

The John H. Reagan Chapter Military Order of the Stars and Bars met following the January camp meeting. The following were elected to serve the chapter for the ensuing year:

Commander - James Jordan

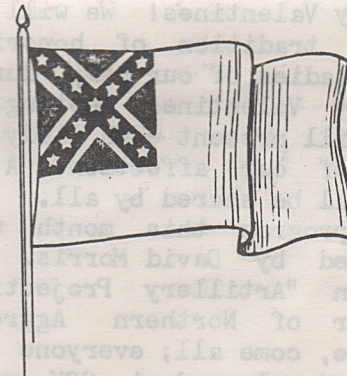
Lt. Cdr. - Tom Miller

Adjutant - Greg Hector

Dues for the MOS&B are \$12 yearly and are due now. They may be included in the check with your camp dues as long as they are so marked. All of this amount is forwarded to the state and national organizations.

This organization is a society of male descendants of the military and governmental leadership of the CSA. Its members must be SCV members. Your membership is earnestly solicited. A presentation concerning the chapter is slated to be presented at the February camp meeting.

There will be a called meeting of the Reagan Chapter at 6:00 p.m. before the camp meets on February 11.



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## STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY:

## VIRGINIA

The Old Dominion became the eighth state to secede from the Union on 17 April 1861. She quickly became one of the most important states of the new Confederacy joining it in May. Richmond was established as the capitol of the CSA. The major eastern battles of the WBTS occurred in Virginia. Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and J.E.B. Stuart all came from its borders. From Big Bethel to Appomattox the battles and skirmishes almost destroyed the Virginia countryside.

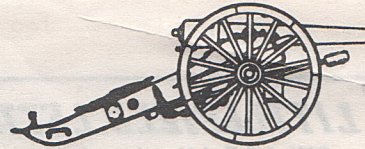
The state contributed more than its share of soldiers to the Cause. Notable among armies of the world is the Army of Northern Virginia most ably led by Lee. Along with the trio of generals previously named were Joseph E. Johnston, Richard S. Ewell, Powell Hill, and Jubal Early. The famed Stonewall Brigade was composed of the 2d, 4th, 5th, 27th and 33d Va. regiments. The Rockbridge Artillery won distinction with its guns Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. The daring 1st Va. Cavalry rode with Stuart and Fitzhugh Lee on many adventures. This state supplied 63 infantry regiments and 26 cavalry regiments to the war effort.

Governmental leadership also came from within her borders. Industrial works such as the Tredegar Iron Works contributed much, and the railroads were among the best in the South. Virginia was readmitted to the Union 27 January 1870. During the war she had lost part of her territory when the new state of West Virginia was formed from part of her western territory and admitted into the Union

The 9th Annual Conf. History Symposium will be held Saturday, 9 April 1988, Hill College, Hillsboro. The theme will be "The Atlanta Campaign," May 1-Sept. 8, 1864." Presentations will be made by four outstanding historians and writers. Drs. Norman Brown (UT), James Pohl (SWTSU), Jerry Don Thompson (Laredo College), and Odie Faulk (Northeastern State U. in OK).

The site will be the new Performing Arts Center of Hill College. In addition, there will be infantry and artillery demonstrations and a performance of Southern airs by the Hill College Confederate Brass Band.

Reservations for SCV, UDC, CWRT, and Hood's Texas Brigade Assoc. are \$12; all others are \$15. The fee includes coffee and donuts and a program and eligibility for door prizes. For information or to register, contact the Confederate Research Center, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, Tx. 76645 (#817-582-2555).



## THEY SAW THE LIGHT

Thousands of men switched sides during the war, usually by desertion, but in at least two well-authenticated cases, soldiers fought formally on both sides, resigning in order to change uniforms.

Capt. Frank Armstrong of the 2nd U.S. Cavalry, fought in blue at First Manassas, resigned the following month and went South to become a Confederate brigadier general.

Lt. Manning Kimmel also fought with the 2nd U.S. Cav. at First Manassas, resigned soon after Armstrong, and became Assistant Adjutant General to the Confederate General Earl Van Dorn. Lt. Kimmel became the father of Admiral H.E. Kimmel, who was in command at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.



## UPDATE ON THE MONITOR

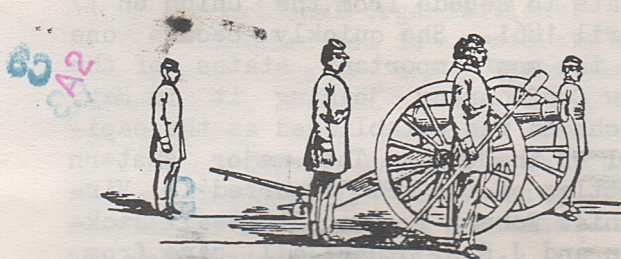
Thanks to a news article appearing in "Frontline", Jackson Camp #380 SCV, we learn from Hatteras, N.C., that corrosion tests on the Monitor show the ironclad may be deteriorating faster than thought because of its location in the warm and turbulent waters off the North Carolina coast. If it is corroding quickly, raising it may be a subject for debate.

It was discovered in 1974 and named the nation's first National Marine Sanctuary and was designated a national landmark. It sank on New Year's Eve 1862 while being towed from Washington to blockade another Southern port. Sixteen of the 57 crewmen were killed.



## MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Most Confederate bands had but three or four pieces, usually played by Germans, and though they got no such handsome treatment as Federal musicians, the Southerners adapted themselves readily. Bandsmen learned to serenade the most prosperous-looking houses in a neighborhood, in return for food. The piano player would walk uninvited into the house, play at the instrument until the family gathered, and charm the hosts as his comrades joined him singly. Such concerts invariably produced rations.



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